

- (c) a duration of time wherein concentration remains above 100 ng/ml not less than about 12 h;
- (d) a terminal half-life ( $T_{1/2}$ ) not less than about 10 h; and
- (e) a maximum concentration ( $C_{max}$ ) not less than about 200 ng/ml;   
said composition exhibiting upon oral administration a relative bioavailability not less than about 50% by comparison with an orally delivered solution containing celecoxib at the same dosage rate.

77. (Amended) The method of Claim 76 wherein, prior to the wet granulating step, the celecoxib is milled [such that] to a  $D_{90}$  [of the resulting] particle[s] size [is] less than about 200  $\mu\text{m}$ , in the longest dimension of said particles.

78. (Amended) The method of Claim 76 wherein, prior to the wet granulating step, the celecoxib is milled [such that] to a  $D_{90}$  [of the resulting] particle[s] size [is] less than about 100  $\mu\text{m}$ , in the longest dimension of said particles.

79. (Amended) The method of Claim 76 wherein, prior to the wet granulating step, the celecoxib is milled [such that] to a  $D_{90}$  [of the resulting] particle[s] size [is] less than about 40  $\mu\text{m}$ , in the longest dimension of said particles.

80. (Amended) The method of Claim 76 wherein, prior to the wet granulating step, the celecoxib is milled [such that] to a  $D_{90}$  [of the resulting] particle[s] size [is] less than about 25  $\mu\text{m}$ , in the longest dimension of said particles.

#### REMARKS

By the present amendment, no claims are cancelled, no claims are added, and one (1) independent claim and four (4) dependent claims are amended. No additional claim fees are believed payable.

Claim 1, by amendment thereof, incorporates subject matter that finds support in the specification at least at page 7, lines 3-9, and that further is the subject of Claim 66, not presently in consideration. The phrase "at the same dosage rate" as used in the context of amended Claim 1 is found in the specification at least at page 14, line 28.

Claims 77-80 are amended to enhance clarity of stated particle size definitions. Claims 77-80 are further amended by insertion of the word "about" immediately before